

School will be in session shortly in Freehold Borough, so here are some tips to make the trip to and from school a safe one.....

If your child walks to school . . .

Its safer to walk with some friends than to walk alone...

Parents should select a safe route to school, and make sure their children always follow that route. Remember, shortcuts can be dangerous!

Remind children never to accept a ride from a stranger, and never hitchhike.

Wear brightly colored clothing or reflective gear when it is dark or visibility is limited.

If your child bikes to school. . >

Make sure the bicycle is in good repair. Reflectors should be on the front, back, and both wheels of the bike. Be sure the brakes are in good working order, and tires are properly inflated.

Keep both hands on the handlebar.

School books and lunch boxes should be placed in a backpack or a bag designed to fit on a bicycle.

Remember to look both ways when crossing the street.

Ride in a single line in the same direction as the traffic. Ride on the right side of the street, but allow room for any car door which may suddenly open.

Be sure to wear a helmet! The helmet should sit two finger widths above the rider's eyebrows. Straps should fasten just below the ears, and when the strap is buckled, no more than 2 finger widths should fit between the chin and the buckle.

If you drive your child to school. . .

Be sure you know the school's drop off procedures for your child.

Do not double park as it blocks visibility for other vehicles.

Children should only be loaded & unloaded in specified areas. Do not unload or load children across the street from the school!

Remember, pedestrians have the right of way in a school zone when flashers are blinking.